

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION**

MERISA TOMARO)	CASE NO. 3:13-CV-0405
)	
Plaintiff,)	JUDGE WALTER H. RICE
)	
v.)	MAGISTRATE JUDGE
)	SHARON L. OVINGTON
ST. JUDE MEDICAL S.C., INC.)	
)	
Defendant.)	

STIPULATED PROTECTIVE ORDER

Plaintiff Merisa Tomaro ("Plaintiff") and Defendant St. Jude Medical S.C., Inc. ("Defendant"), by the stipulation of their respective undersigned counsel, have agreed to the entry of a protective order and to the terms thereof.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. For the purpose of this Order, "Confidential Information" shall mean any document or other information produced by either Plaintiff or Defendant that is marked "Confidential" and is reasonably and in good faith considered to include confidential and/or proprietary information (including trade secrets), financial information, competitive information, client information, patient information, and employee information.

2. In the event that either party challenges another party's confidential designation, counsel shall make a good faith effort to resolve the dispute in accordance with Rule 37 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and, absent a resolution, the challenging party may thereafter seek resolution from the Court. The burden of proving confidentiality of designated information remains with the party asserting confidentiality.

3. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed by any recipient to any person other than:

- (a) The parties and counsel of record in this case, including in-house and outside counsel involved in this case and their legal staffs. The parties agree to limit disclosure of Confidential Information and the information contained therein to those staff persons necessary to prosecute or defend this action;
- (b) Experts or consultants retained by counsel for the preparation or trial of this action;
- (c) Any actual or proposed deponent or witness, only if such information is necessary to prepare that witness to testify at deposition or trial, or to question the witness at deposition or trial;
- (d) The District Judge and Magistrate Judge assigned to this case, including and their staffs;
- (e) Any third party who is engaged for the purpose of copying, organizing, converting, storing, or retrieving documents potentially subject to this Protective Order (i.e., a copy service); and
- (f) Any videographers and court reporters.

4. No Confidential Information shall be used by any recipient for any purpose whatsoever other than for purposes of this litigation, including the trial of this action and any appellate proceedings relating thereto.

5. No person or entity bound by this Order shall disclose any Confidential Information or discuss its contents except for the purposes stated herein, unless required to do so by law or compulsory legal process. If a party believes that disclosure of the other party's Confidential Information is required by law or public policy, that party shall challenge the confidentiality designation pursuant to the procedures set forth in Paragraph 2 of this Order. If a party receives a subpoena or other compulsory legal process to which the other party's Confidential Information is responsive, that party shall notify the party who owns the Confidential Information sufficiently in advance of the date upon which the disclosure is required to be made so that the party may seek Court intervention preventing the disclosure. Nothing in this Order shall be construed as requiring either party or its counsel to violate any law regarding disclosure of information.

6. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of the right to object to the request for any information sought by way of discovery or to the admissibility of any testimony or evidence where such objections are based on grounds other than the fact that the testimony or evidence involves Confidential Information.

7. Nothing contained herein shall affect the rights of either Plaintiff or Defendant with respect to his or its own documents or information.

8. Upon conclusion of the case (including the exhaustion of all appeals) and upon written request by an opposing party (within 45 days of the conclusion of the case), each party

shall return to an opposing party all originals and all copies of any Confidential Information obtained during the case, or shall certify that they have been destroyed.

9. This Protective Order does not authorize filing protected materials under seal. No document may be filed with the Court under seal without prior permission as to each such filing, upon motion and for good cause shown, including the legal basis for filing under seal. *See Procter & Gamble Co. v. Bankers Trust Co.*, 78 F.3d 219 (6th Cir. 1996). Unless the Court orders otherwise, all sealed documents shall be filed according to S.D. Ohio Civ. R. 79.3.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

October 10, 2014

s/Sharon L. Ovington
Sharon L. Ovington
Chief United States Magistrate Judge